

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Western Regional Panel Committee. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Panel will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Tuesday, September 26, 2000, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Elihu M. Harris State Building, 1515 Clay Street, Training Rooms B, C, D, 2nd Floor, Oakland, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703-358-2308 or by e-mail at: sharon_gross@fws.gov or Linda Drees, Western Regional Panel Coordinator at 785-539-3473 (ext. 107) or by e-mail at linda_drees@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Western Regional Panel Committee. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

The Panel, comprised of representatives from Federal, State, and local agencies and from private environmental and commercial interests, provides the following: (1) Identifies priorities for the Western Region with respect to aquatic nuisance species; (2) makes recommendations to the Task Force regarding an education, monitoring (including inspection), prevention, and control program to prevent the spread of the zebra mussel west of the 100th Meridian; (3) coordinates with other aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Western region; (4) develops an emergency response strategy for Federal, State, and local entities for stemming new invasions of aquatic nuisance species; and (5) provide advance to public and private individuals and entities concerning methods of preventing and controlling aquatic nuisance species. The focus of this meeting will be to: review Panel activities for the past year and develop priorities for the coming year; develop plans to implement priority actions; and provide updates of ongoing activities including ballast water treatment research, marine exotic species surveys and other emerging issues.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 851, 4401 North Fairfax Drive,

Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: September 5, 2000.

Cathleen I. Short,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistance Director—Fisheries and Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Application for Approval

The following applicant has applied for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected in accordance with the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, 50 CFR 15.26(c).

Applicant: On August 10, 2000 we published a notice of receipt of application for approval (65 FR 49007) from the CITES Management Authority of Argentina, Direccion de Fauna y Flora Silvestre, Buenos Aires. The applicant wishes to establish a scientifically based sustainable management plan for the Blue-fronted amazon parrot (*Amazona aestiva*) in Argentina. The comment for this application is scheduled to end on September 10, 2000. The comment period is hereby extended until October 11, 2000. Comments previously submitted during the comment period need not be resubmitted as they will be incorporated into the public record and will be fully considered in the final determination on this application.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director by October 11, 2000.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: September 5, 2000.

Andrea Gaski,

Acting Chief, Branch of CITES Operations, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

MPI Drilling, Inc.; Proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) negotiations under the Technology Transfer Act of 1986.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into a CRADA with MPI Drilling, Inc. for the development of improved drilling technology.

INQUIRIES: Information on the proposed CRADA is available to the public upon request at the address below. If any other parties are interested in similar activities with the USGS, please contact: Wayne L. Newell, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; Telephone: 703-648-6991; Internet: wnewell@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

P. Patrick Leahy,

Associate Director for Geology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. § 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Tribal-State Compact between the